

ROYERSFORD, PA—On Tuesday, April 14, 2009, Congressman Joe Sestak (PA-07) dropped by Upper Providence Elementary School in Royersford, Pa., to meet with and take questions from members of the 4th Grade Class. The Congressman, a member of the Education and Labor Committee and Childhood, Elementary, and Secondary Education Subcommittee also met with the Upper Providence Principal, Dr. Melissa Pastchke, to discuss his support for public education.

“As a nation, everything we do now—whether it’s investments in economy, health care, the environment, or national security—will not be effective unless we give our children the educational tools they need to prosper and become effective leaders in the future,” said Congressman Sestak. “I will continue to work hard for increased funding for our schools and will support innovative educational programs so that our children will have the knowledge and skills they need to compete in a global economy.”

*Born and raised in Delaware County, former 3-star Admiral Joe Sestak served in the Navy for 31 years and now serves as the Representative from the 7th District of Pennsylvania. He led a series of operational commands at sea, including Commander of an aircraft carrier battle group of 30 U.S. and allied ships with over 15,000 sailors and 100 aircraft that conducted operations in Afghanistan and Iraq. After 9/11, Joe was the first Director of “Deep Blue,” the Navy’s anti-terrorism unit that established strategic and operations policies for the “Global War on Terrorism.” He served as President Clinton’s Director for Defense Policy at the National Security Council in the White House, and holds a Ph.D. in Political Economy and Government from Harvard University. According to the office of the House Historian, Joe is the highest-ranking former military officer ever elected to the U.S. Congress.*

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